

Nationals' Prize Scout Says Athletics Sure to Be Stronger Next Season Than Ever Before

THINKS ATHLETICS
WILL BE STRONGER
IN COMING SEASON

To Land Pennant Climbers
Must Defeat Connie
Mack's Team.

MIKE KAHOE BOOSTS
STRUNK AS WONDER

Pittsburgh Pirates Doped To Make
Race For 1913 Con-
falon.

By "SENATOR."

"If we're going to win the pennant next year and mark me—I don't say we shall, it's Philadelphia we've got to beat," says Mike Kahoe, the Nationals' prize scout.

"I expect Connie Mack will have a better club than he had even when he was winning world's championships. Indeed, nothing but the absolute failure of Bender to show form threw the Athletics out of first place last year. The team could have won the flag without Danny Murphy, had Bender come through.

"Connie has picked up two wonderfully promising youngsters in Jimmy Walsh and Eddie Murphy. Murphy proved himself to be a fine little lead-off man last year and he gets many a hit in the pinches.

"Walsh didn't look quite the hitter Murphy is, but he is a far better fielder, on his showing last season. If Walsh picks up a little with the bat, Mack should have a great outfield in Walsh, Strunk, and Murphy.

Strunk Best of All.

"Amos Strunk is the best young ball player in either big league today and it won't be long before this is thought by all who have a chance to see him play. He is lightning fast in the field and on the bases and hit for 289 last season. This is by no means poor work with the stick, either.

"Strunk hasn't a weakness in the field. I've seen him make catches that few men could get under. In front and over his head and to either side. He shows excellent judgment in playing the batter, too. I want to see a better youngster in this league than this same fellow, Strunk.

If the Red Sox fail to get away to a good start, the champions may not be in the running in 1913. It was nothing but that remarkable luck, last year, sending them through an entire season without semblance of a slump, that carried them to the front. It is hardly too much to expect that they will be better for them to repeat. Indeed, it looks to me more like the Athletics than any other club in the league.

Kahoe is passing the offseason quietly in the Capital, keeping a weather eye on the surprising race tracks and watching all the football games in the vicinity. He is quite a football enthusiast, too, by the way.

Brenahan a Pirate?

If Roger Brenahan joins the Pirates, the odds in the National League race may be carried by Fred Clarke's Buccaneers. There's no getting away from it, those Pirates certainly made a gallant battle last season, and nothing but that marvelous winning streak of the Giants in the spring kept the Pittsburgh crowd out of the world's series money.

Fred Clarke has now collected a strong, twirling staff, something needed for several years since that famous Leever-Liefield-Phillippe combination blew up. With any kind of luck the Pirates should put up a stiff contest for the honors next year.

Toward the close of the season they came with a rush, and when the campaign was over had gained 666 points over their record of 1911. Even with that winning streak, the Giants registered a gain of but .035. Clarke's team gained more than any other National League team over its percentage of 1911.

Red Sox Take Jump.

In the American League the Red Sox took the longest leap in percentage over 1911 records, gaining .152. They were closely pressed, though, by the Climbers, who showed up a gain of .174. The St. Louis Browns was the only other team in the circuit to show a gain, rushing up .048 points, which is some rush for a fallender, too, it might be said in passing.

The luckless Highlanders fell the worst, dropping .178 points. Detroit came back with a rush, too, losing 127 points. Here are the figures for both leagues:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	1912	1911	Gain, Loss.
Boston.....	.609	.416	.193
Washington.....	.599	.416	.183
Philadelphia.....	.592	.469	.123
Chicago.....	.587	.469	.118
Cleveland.....	.490	.340	.150
Detroit.....	.461	.378	.083
St. Louis.....	.444	.296	.148
New York.....	.323	.169	.154

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	1912	1911	Gain, Loss.
New York.....	.652	.447	.205
Pittsburgh.....	.612	.552	.060
Chicago.....	.599	.507	.092
Cincinnati.....	.490	.448	.042
Philadelphia.....	.480	.430	.050
St. Louis.....	.410	.350	.060
Brooklyn.....	.397	.327	.070
Boston.....	.342	.291	.051

Gray Is Sold.

Manager Elberfeld, of the Chattanooga club of the Southern League, has announced the sale of Outfielder Dolly Gray to the Muscatine, Iowa, club.

Oakland's First.

In the ten years of the Coast League, this is Oakland's first pennant. Los Angeles has carried off the honors four times and Portland has been a three-time winner.

Tomorrow's Sports

Football—Central vs. Western, Union League Park, 3 p. m.

Basketball—Company E, First Regiment vs. Company F, Second Regiment, National Guard Armory, 7:30 p. m.

Opening of annual bench show of the Boston Terrier Club, of Buffalo.

No One Has Ever Been Known to Win a Decision Over Nature

By Goldberg



NAPLANDERS NEED SPEED TO BECOME FLAG CONTENDERS

Leibold May Hold Down Regular Job on the Team.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 21.—The big, crying need in major league baseball is speed, speed, ever speed. Look at the major league pennant winners of late years and you will find that they have been an unusually speedy bunch, with the possible exception of the Pittsburgh Pirates of 1909, and even they were not so slow.

Owner Charles Somers, of the Cleveland Naps, heard the cry for speed a couple of years ago, but it was not until this season that he hearkened to it. The acquisition of Doc Johnston, first baseman, and Ray Chapman, shortstop, gave the Naps considerable more speed than they have owned for several years past.

Now the Naps' owner wants more speed. He believes that Johnston and Chapman added considerable strength to his team, and he is looking forward to the 1913 campaign, when he believes the Naps will toe the scratch with at least five good fast men in the line-up.

Johnston and Chapman are certainly regulars for the Naps with next season's Naps. Then, too, Terry Turner at third and Joe Jackson in right are also fixtures unless the dope is all to the left. Turner and Jackson are both fast men, but Joe has considerable of his value as a speed merchant on the paths.

American League umpires claim that once under way Jackson is the fastest man in the Johnnies organization, not even excepting Ty Cobb. Several of the arbiters have referred to the general as the human greyhound, because of the great burst of speed he shows when he cracks out a double or triple. As a base stealer, however, Jackson is lost in the shuffle compared with Cobb, Miller, Collins, and several others. And simply because he has not acquired the knack of getting a good start.

Jackson could make himself 20 per cent more valuable to the Naps than he is now in a little over two years in a Cleveland uniform if he would perform better on the paths—that is, between the bases. It is figured that with his great speed, Jackson ought to steal sixty or more bases.

Another speedster who is figured to make the 1913 Naps is Little Nemo Leibold, former Milwaukee outfielder. Leibold is no bigger than the fraction of a second, but he is said to rival Chapman in speed. Leibold, like Chapman, knows all about running and if he comes across with the right brand of goods, Manager Birmingham will be able to start the next campaign with five speeders who rival any of the American dust kickers.

Confirms Rumors of Outlaw Leagues

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Rumors that certain clubs in the American Association and Western League are planning to become baseball outlaws and form a new league were confirmed last night. President Tim O'Neill, of the Western League, admitted that discussion of the proposed league had been going on for weeks, and that the subject took form at a meeting of the league held in Milwaukee last week.

Jackson Holds Out For Larger Salary

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 21.—Joe Jackson, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Cleveland team, who finished second to Ty Cobb in the race for the batting crown of the major leagues, has refused to sign a contract for next year, even at an advance in salary. Jackson thinks he is worth \$10,000 more than offered and may be a "hold-out."

Sharpe Scouts.

Bud Sharpe, ex-manager of the pennant winning Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League, has signed up as scout for the Boston Braves.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice

The news has flashed through Campsville that Bull Smith is in shape again. Is ready for the showdown where his college stands at stake? The news has flashed, and through the town they've yanked off all the crepe again.

And no more wonder moodily as mourners at a wake. Is Bull a star at Little or a leader in seriousness? An expert at the angle of the tangent and the sine? The mystery of history? Political economy? Not that I ever heard about—but Bull can hit the line!

Last call for Gyp the Philbin, Lefty Flynn, Brickley the Blood, and the rest of them, for the dashing headlines. Hitting the line before cheering thousands and bucking old Doc Martial or Euripides in the seclusion of a cloister is far from being one and the same. Old Doc and Rip have tossed more of them for a loss than all the tackles that ever played.

Costello, of Georgetown, is one of the great halfbacks of the year, from all reports one of those who belong. Will Mr. Costello be selected for an All-American job? Sure. On the same day we are picked to lead the Bulgarian advance into Constantinople, or are awarded the Nobel Prize for literature.

It isn't so much what you have, but how close you happen to be in range; how close to the main trail.

The All-American Idea.

The trouble with this All-American stuff isn't so much that it may be wrong as it is that too much is taken for granted.

It is taking, for example, quite a bit for granted for anyone to see six or seven teams play, or eight or ten, and then calmly select the All-Star eleven from 200 or 300 teams, most of which are unseen and unsung.

It is within fair range for one to pick an All-Eastern team, an All-Western team, an All-Southern team, an All-South Atlantic team, but the All-American idea disperses itself. There is no argument required to show that it is too eminently foolish to even be considered as worthy of a place in the annals of the game.

All-America doesn't of necessity mean the Atlantic seaboard. There is quite a strip of country westward and southward of the Alleghenies. And once in a while in this meager strip they manage to turn out a regular football player who can catch a punt or even make a tackle.

The first one qualified to pick an All-American team will be the one whose piercing gaze can reach from Cambridge to Berkeley oval and from Ferry Field to the maple-bordered gridirons of Dixie. And a searchlight that can glow upon several million square miles of sod is what you might

call considerable candlepower. When the first one qualified arrives, the name of Argus will slide out of history, a piker who was not even good for a start.

As It Listens from the Headlines.

Football, we thought, was a sport for courageous ones—Sport for the brave with a spirit unshoddy; Why is it, then, kindly pipe me, umbrageous ones, Why are they always "fearing" somebody?

"Yale fears Holy Cross" soon in September; "Princeton fears Lehigh" will step in and cop; "Harvard fears Yale" at the Idea of November—Why is it thusly forever, old top?

The first Crimson player who skids across Yale's goal line will be entitled to anything Cambridge may have in stock. A matter of eleven years is quite a period of time in which to buck a line without results. One might do a lot of things in eleven years if one could insert as much festive energy into the effort as a halfback is supposed to do in diving head foremost into an opposing line.

The Crimson Epitaph.

(After R. L. S.)

Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie;
Gladly I've lived and gladly died
Here at the end of the trail;
These be the lines which I wish played
Over the slabs where I have strayed:
"Here lies a Harvard back who made
A touchdown on old Yale."

One can't always tell by the signs. But there has been a crimson ring around the moon for the past three weeks. And this has been the pinkest Indian summer we have ever known.

Yale Athletes Cannot Play Summer Baseball

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 21.—Considerable adverse criticism is being heard today following the decision of the university athletic committee in its decision against summer baseball in any form. The committee has decided that any student who plays ball on a hotel, society, or other team and receives compensation cannot represent Yale in athletics.

The university committee also has made it the duty of the captains to keep themselves informed as to the methods employed by summer baseball resorts, institutions, and societies which put baseball teams on the field during the summer months.

The captains at the close of the college year also are to notify the players on their teams that participation by them in athletics of the kind indicated, where the methods are to professional engagement of players are under suspicion, will make the candidates or players liable to debarment.

Hoppe Retains 18.2 Billiard Championship

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Willie Hoppe retains the world's championship 18.2 ball game title. He defeated Ora Morningstar, of Pittsburgh, last night, ending the tournament which has been in progress for weeks. Hoppe's victory came with a score of 60 to 25, and his average was 22. He won six games in the tourney and lost but one, Yamada, the Japanese, being the only one to defeat him.

Rob Roy Too Fast.

Rob Roy, driven by his owner, L. N. Buckingham, proved to be too fast for Black Mary, L. A. Mahoney, owner, and Easter Bell, T. A. Martin, owner, at the Rapley track, Maryland, yesterday, when the three engaged in a race. Rob Roy was winner with Easter Bell and Black Mary finishing in the order named.

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Company E, of the National Guard Basketball League, is being congratulated today on its win over Company K in its first game in the league. The winners managed to roll up 27 points while the losers were totaling but 5. Any with eight losses was the leading performer of the evening, his work being by far the best. The Mason brothers starred for the losers. Company E jumps ahead of Company K by reason of its victory; the losers having won their first game.

Lathers Is Salesman.

"Chick" Lathers, erstwhile Tiger, now of the Providence International League Club, has entered the Detroit branch of the Ford Motor Company, and will spend the winter months selling autos in Detroit.

Committee to Select Baseball Coach Soon

The athletic council of Georgetown University is to select a baseball coach in the near future according to reports received today. Jim Fury, captain-elect of the team, is said to be in favor of last year's coach. Just what will be done in the matter cannot be learned until a meeting of the council has been called.

There have been a number of nominations for the position as coach this season. Among them Charlie Moran, Dick Harley, and Bobby Cranston, all former Georgetown players are to receive consideration.

Merkle Wins.

Fred Merkle, the Glants' first baseman, is a select a baseball coach in the near future according to reports received today. Jim Fury, captain-elect of the team, is said to be in favor of last year's coach. Just what will be done in the matter cannot be learned until a meeting of the council has been called.



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